

1. A method for providing correspondence information to a personal digital assistant (PDA) device from a handheld device, the method comprising:
 - retrieving the correspondence information from a memory;
 - translating the correspondence information into a format utilized by an operating system of the PDA device; and
 - transmitting the translated correspondence information to the PDA device via a wireless channel.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
verifying the operating system of the PDA device in response to an input command indicative of a type of PDA device.

3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving correspondence information from a second PDA device;
translating the received correspondence information into a standardized format;
storing the translated and received correspondence information into the memory storage.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the correspondence information is programmed into the memory storage.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the correspondence information comprises at least one of business card information and calendar appointment information.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the business card information comprises at least one of a name of a person, an address, a telephone number and a title of the person.

1 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the calendar appointment information comprises at
2 least one of an appointment time, a location of the appointment, a telephone number, and
3 a name of a person.

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the wireless channel comprises an infrared signal
2 path.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the translating of the correspondence information
2 is different for different types of PDA devices.

1 10. An apparatus for providing correspondence information to a personal digital
2 assistant (PDA) device, the apparatus comprising:

3 a translator, configured to retrieve correspondence information and translate the
4 retrieved correspondence information into a format utilized by an operating system of the
5 PDA device; and

6 an interface port, coupled to the translator, for transmitting the correspondence
7 information to the PDA device via a wireless channel.

1 11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the translator comprises:

2 a memory for storing a data translating program; and

3 a microprocessor, coupled to the memory, for translating the correspondence
4 information upon executing the data translating program.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the translator verifies the operating system of the
2 PDA device prior to retrieving correspondence information.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising:

2 a selector, coupled to the translator, configured for providing an input command to
3 initiate the translator.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising an electrical programmable read only
2 memory (EPROM).

1 15. A hand held device, comprising:
2 a memory containing information consisting of business card information, calendar
3 appointment information and at least one operating system;
4 a processor configured to access the information contained in the memory;
5 an input/output device configured to transmit information to and receive information
6 from a wireless channel; and
7 a power source configured to supply power to at least the processor.

16. The hand held device of claim 15 wherein the information further consists of a
translator program configured to translate the business card information and calendar
appointment information into a format usable by another operating system.

17. The hand held device of claim 15 wherein the at least one operating system
comprises a plurality of operating systems.

18. A data transfer system, the system comprising:
2 a first personal digital assistant (PDA) device configured to receive correspondence
3 information; and
4 a data dispenser, configured to provide correspondence information to the first PDA
5 device, the data dispenser comprising:
6 a translator configured to retrieve correspondence information and translate
7 the retrieved correspondence information into a format utilized by an operating system of
8 the first PDA device; and
9 an interface port, coupled to the translator, for transmitting the
10 correspondence information to the first PDA device via a wireless channel.

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1 19. The data transfer system of claim 18 further comprising:

2 a computer-controlled device, configured to provide correspondence information
3 to the data dispenser, where the data dispenser is further configured to receive
4 correspondence information from the computer-controlled device, the interface port further
5 receives correspondence information from the computer-controlled device, and the
6 translator further translates the received correspondence information into a standardized
7 format for storage in the memory.

1 20. The data transfer system of claim 19 wherein the computer-controlled device
2 comprises one of a personal computer and a second PDA device.